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1. In the spring of 1954, Polish units which came from Heilsberg (R 55/E 79) and carried field packs marched through Osengarth (Q 54/E 57). The troops were welcomed by the school children who, on this occasion, learned that the soldiers came from Heilsberg. They totalled at least 200 men who marched on foot and about 10 trucks which were occupied by other soldiers. Five trucks which towed small guns with long barrels without muzzle brakes and a single tank also passed through the town. Field kitchens and horse-drawn vehicles which were covered with canvas were drawn by two-horse or four-horse teams. The troops were equipped with a total of 10 to 12 horse-drawn vehicles. The soldiers wore army uniforms and red service color, were equipped with steel helmets, field packs and entrenching tools, and carried submachine guns, rifles and light machine guns. An undetermined number of heavy machine guns which were mounted on hand carts was also observed.
2. Prior to the fall of 1954, the barracks installations in Heilsberg quartered Polish troops. The former Infanterie Kaserne was located on the north side of the Reimerswalde (R 55/Z 60) road, just east of the former Raphael Stift (monastery), on the western perimeter of the city. The former Artillerie Kaserne was also located west of the city and on the south side of the Reimerswalde road, east of the intersection of the railroad line and the road. No signs of destruction were observed at the two installations from the outside. Polish troops who wore army uniforms and red service color were observed in the streets of Heilsberg. For training purposes, the Polish troops used the old German station training ground in the southwestern outskirts of the city and southwest of the Neuhof estate.
3. Prior to the fall of 1954, no barracks installations or troops were located in the town of Guttstadt (R 54/E 68).

Comment. No other information is available on the Heilsberg station. The present report tends to indicate that an infantry unit, which is presumably an infantry regiment of the 12th Inf Div, is stationed at Heilsberg.

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